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P. Marc LaFrance
US DOE Technology Development Manager
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1000 Independence Ave., SW
Washington, DC 20585-0121

Dear Mr. LaFrance:

The Community and Economic Development Association of Cook County, Illinois (CEDA) is very pleased to learn about the new DOE plan which makes available volume purchases of R-5 Windows and Low-e Storm Windows for use in the Weatherization Assistance Program.

As you may be aware, CEDA is the largest provider of weatherization services in the Country. This year alone, with the addition of ARRA funding, we anticipate weatherizing approximately 9,000 homes. In addition to energy efficiency outcomes, we anticipate a number of economic development opportunities for training, job creation and small business development/expansion.

The Department of Energy's plan to create a market for new and emerging technologies will certainly have profound energy saving impacts for American families as well as for the Nation's energy security. We applaud this effort and look forward to our continued partnership.

Sincerely,

Robert L. Wharton President & CEO

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